

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A method for providing a fault-tolerant remote controlled computing device, the method comprising:
executing a multi-tasking operating system and at least one primary process on the computing device;
determining with a first monitor process whether any primary process is in a fault state;
and
in response to any primary process being in a fault state, resolving the fault state of each such primary process.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining with a second monitor process whether the first monitor process is in a fault state; and
in response to the first monitor process being in a fault state, resolving the fault state of the first monitor process.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The method of claim 2, wherein the operating system monitors the second monitor process and re-starts the second monitor process when the second monitor process is in a fault state.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein determining comprises:
polling the operating system whether each primary process is executing; and
determining, based on a response from the operating system, whether each primary process is executing.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein each primary process is configured to periodically record logging information to a common log file and wherein determining comprises:

accessing the common log file for logging information associated with each primary process; and

determining, based on the logging information, whether each primary process is in a fault state.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein resolving comprises:

identifying each primary process which is in a fault state; and

re-starting execution of each identified primary process.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein resolving comprises:

identifying each primary process which is in a fault state;

determining whether each identified primary process can be re-started; and

in response to each identified primary process not being re-startable, terminating one or more executing primary processes and starting execution of one or more stable default processes.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for providing an autonomous multimedia computing device, the method comprising:

storing a local copy of a configuration file and multimedia content on the autonomous multimedia computing device, wherein the configuration file comprises parameters and settings which determine how the autonomous multimedia computing device operates;

polling a server at pre-determined time intervals via a public Internet connection for updates to one or more processes, the local copy of the configuration file, and the multimedia content;

in response to updates being available from the server, downloading one or more updates from the server, ~~and~~ and wherein the downloading occurs without user input; and

playing the multimedia content based on instructions contained within the local copy of the configuration file, wherein the configuration file defines a program that comprises one or more media files and priority and timing information for the one or more media files, and wherein playing the multimedia content comprises playing the one or more media files according to the priority and timing information.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein storing comprises saving the local copy of the configuration file and the multimedia content to a storage device integrated with the computing device.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 8, wherein polling comprises: connecting to a server from within a firewall.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 8, wherein polling comprises: connecting to a server via a fault-prone network connection.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 8, wherein polling further comprises: reporting display statistics associated with the multimedia content.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein downloading comprises:
streaming at least one update to the computing device prior to allowing access to the updates.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the local copy of the configuration file is in eXtensible Markup Language (XML) format.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the updates are downloaded via a fault-tolerant network connection which allows downloading of a file to resume once a broken network connection is re-established.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 8, wherein the multimedia content comprises interactive content allowing a user to interact with the computing device.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): A method for providing a user-defined notification system for tracking status parameters associated with a plurality of computing devices, the method comprising:

- storing a user-defined event comprising one or more status parameters which are common among the plurality of computing devices;
- storing an address to receive a notification when each one of the status parameters satisfy threshold values defined within the user-defined event;
- receiving reports of status parameters from the plurality of computing devices at pre-determined time intervals;
- determining whether the reported status parameters satisfy a user-defined event; and
- in response to the user-defined event being satisfied, sending a notification to the stored address.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The method of claim 17, further comprising:

- associating the user-defined event with a frequency parameter to define an escalation level;
- associating one or more escalation addresses with the escalation level;
- tabulating the frequency parameter when the user-defined event associated with the escalation level is satisfied; and
- in response to the escalation level being satisfied, sending a notification to each of the escalation addresses.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The method of claim 17, wherein sending the notification comprises sending the notification via a messaging protocol that corresponds to the stored address.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of claim 17, wherein the notification comprises an email message.

Claims 21-22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method of claim 8 ~~22~~, wherein the multimedia computing device is a multimedia display device, and wherein the multimedia content does not allow input from a user of the multimedia display device.